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CONFIRMATION NO. 5589

FORMALITIES LETTER



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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

01 FC:2001	385.00 OP
02 FC:2051	65.00 OP
03 FC:2201	43.00 OP

*Filing Date Granted*

**Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:**

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 385 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.*
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
  - The drawings have a line quality that is too light to be reproduced (weight of all lines and letters must be heavy enough to permit adequate reproduction) or text that is illegible (reference characters, sheet numbers, and view numbers must be plain and legible) see 37 CFR 1.84(l) and (p)(1); See Figure(s) 2.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Additional claim fees of \$43 as a small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$493 for a Small Entity

- \$385 Statutory basic filing fee.
- \$65 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$43
  - \$43 for 1 independent claims over 3.

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*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

*John Ware*

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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARKS OFFICE

ART UNIT: 3611

EXAMINER:

APPLICANT: Gregory J. Colibert

SERIAL NO.: 10/782,707

FILED: February 18, 2004

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FOR: DISPLACABLE BALL HITCH  
ASSEMBLY AND METHOD FOR  
THE SAME

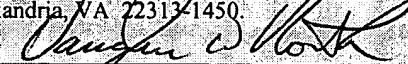
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE  
MISSING PARTS OF PATENT  
APPLICATION Filing Date  
Granted**

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8**

DATE OF DEPOSIT: July 14, 2004

I hereby certify that this paper or fee (along with any paper or fee referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

  
Vaughn W. North

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Sir/Madam:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed May 14, 2004, please find enclosed herewith the following items for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application:

- A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Filing Date Granted.
- Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9(b) & 1.27(c).
- An Assignment from the inventors to Colibert Enterprises.
- Declaration and Petition.
- Power of Attorney.
- Copy of Letters Testamentary.
- 2 Sheets Corrected Drawings.

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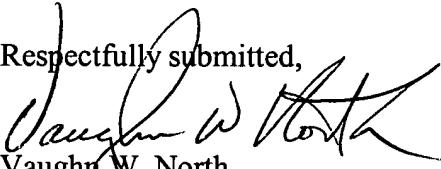
The filing fee has been calculated as shown below.

			SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
FOR	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE	Fee	RATE	Fee
<b>BASIC FEE</b>			\$385.00	\$385.00	\$770.00	
<b>TOT. CLAIMS</b>	19-20=	0	x \$ 9.00 =	\$ 0.00	x \$18.00 =	
<b>IND. CLAIMS</b>	4-03=	1	x \$43.00 =	\$ 43.00	x \$86.00 =	
<b>MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED</b>		0	\$145.00		\$290.00	
<b>ASSIGNMENT FILING FEE</b>			\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	
<b>SURCHARGE FEE</b>			\$65.00	\$65.00	\$130.00	
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 533.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	

A check in the amount of \$ 533.00 is enclosed to cover the filing fee (including the surcharge fee and the assignment recordation fee).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0100.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2004.

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Enclosure